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The Hsinhsing Logistics Complex, on Hainan Island, and the Pailung Logistics Complex, adjacent to the China-North Vietnam Border, were constructed concurrently and probably provide integrated sea-born logistics support of North Vietnamese resupply and infiltration operations.

Although several Chinese port facilities are also utilized to support resupply operations, the Hsinhsing (Figure 2) and Pailung facilities (Figure 3) have several unique similarities that set them apart from other existing Chinese seaport complexes. Both installations have been built

25X1D [REDACTED] at remote sites in strategic proximity to the war zone (Figure 1). Both Hsinhsing and Pailung are a combination of a naval facility, a maritime transshipment facility, and a dispersed administration and storage complex with contiguous antiaircraft defenses. Hsinhsing, a slightly larger complex due to its infiltration support role, has an early warning radar just north of the main facility; Pailung has a collocated coastal observation post. Both installations

25X1B [REDACTED]

25X1D The construction of both installations appears to have commenced in early [REDACTED]. The Hsinhsing complex has expanded steadily since its initial identification in mid-

25X1D [REDACTED] with the construction of support buildings continuing to the present time. Insufficient photographic coverage of Pailung limits the assessment of its activity. However, the similarities of the facilities observed indicate that the construction progress and intended function of Pailung will probably be the same as Hsinhsing.

25X1D These installations are known to have supported combatant vessels, and Hsinhsing has been observed supporting North Vietnamese infiltration and logistics support vessels during periods of bombing activity in North Vietnam.

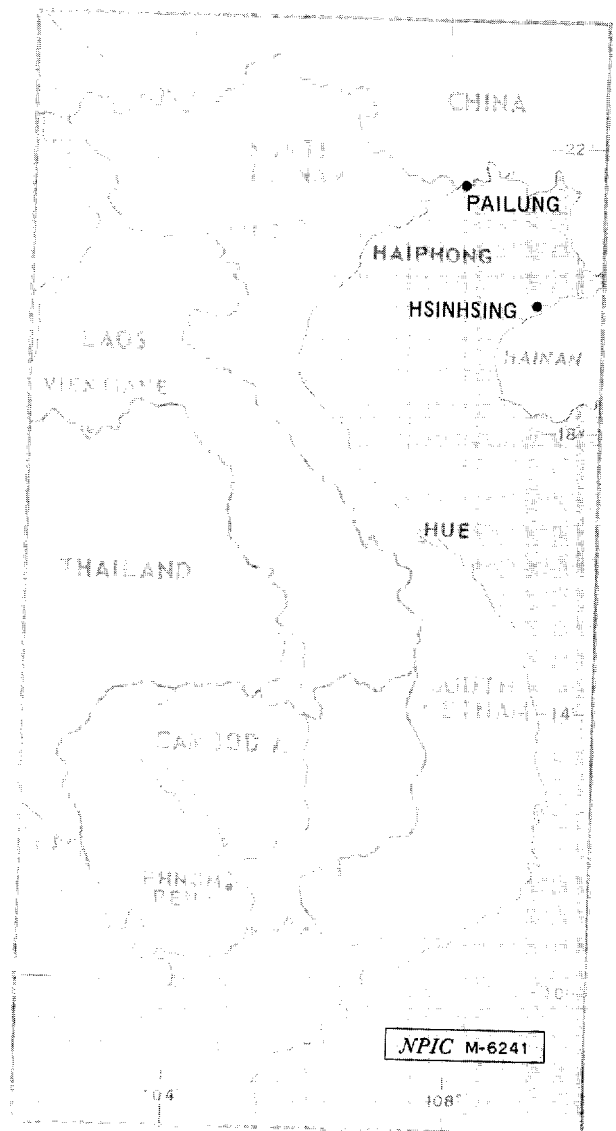


FIGURE 1. LOCATION MAP

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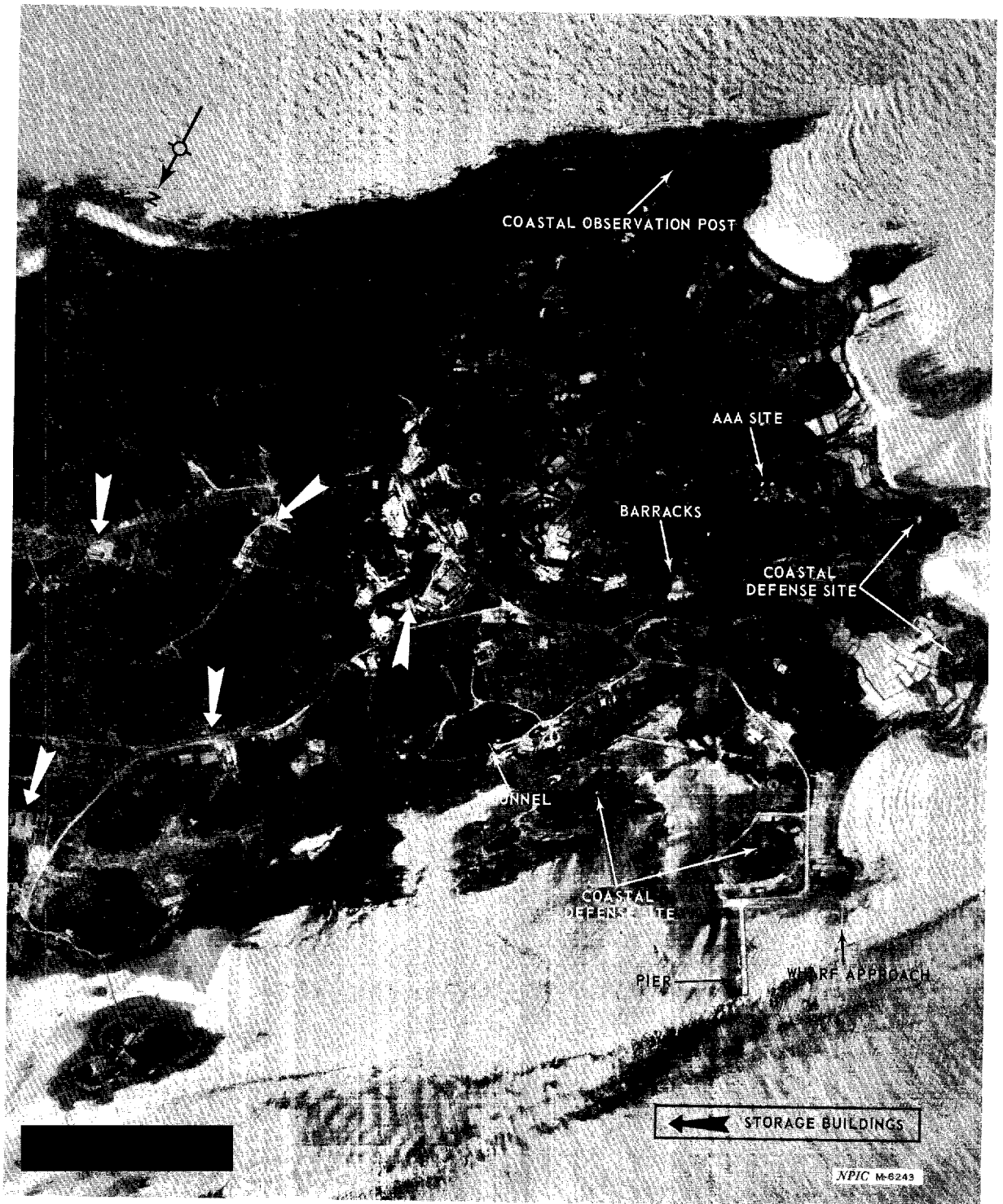


FIGURE 3. PAILUNG LOGISTICS COMPLEX, CHINA

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